

REMARKS

Applicant with the Examiner's permission withdraws the proposed amendments to the drawing for Figure 27 relating to the O-ring and reference number 613, both were previously submitted to and approved by the Examiner. In its place applicants submitted the Figure 27, accompanying the first Rule 312 Amendment, mailed September 13, 2004.

That amendment changed reference numeral 611 to 613.

As a housekeeping matter, in the first Rule 312 Amendment, mailed September 13, 2004 the header dates on the top left margin were reversed. The Amendment date should have been September 13, 2004 rather than June 14, 2004; and the Reply to Office Action date should have been June 14, 2004 rather than September 13, 2004. This second Rule 312 Amendment is filed to clarify the drawing Figure 27.

As earlier explained, the previous attorney, Sten Hakanson had transferred incomplete files to the undersigned. This morning the Examiner had kindly sent those missing drawing changes to the undersigned. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the same and the prompt and courteous responses.

It was noted that there was some inconsistency in the location of the O-ring between that previously approved (positioned midway on 610) and that presented in the September 13, 2004 Rule 312 Amendment (at the bottom of 610). The latter was based on what one of the engineers, Mr. Brett Gist, at the applications assignee IMI Cornelius Inc. had stated. The undersigned has this morning confirmed with one of the inventors, Mr. Randy Alberg, that the O-ring is actually located at the bottom of 610 and not midway. Therefore, the Figure 27 drawing presented with the first Rule 312 Amendment is somewhat more accurate. Therefore applicants request that it be entered.

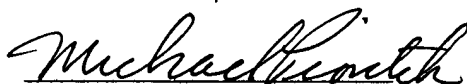
If for some reason that drawing can not be entered then applicants alternatively present a formal drawing for Figure 27 as was previously approved.

Admittedly, it is getting confusing in attempting to correct this matter. To help clarify matters the undersigned points out there are three options for Figure 27 with the first listed being the most favored. They are: (1) enter the Figure 27 presented with the September 13, 2004 or first Rule 312 Amendment; (2) enter the Figure 27 presented with this second Rule 312 Amendment; and lastly (3) delete 613 from the specification. Any of the options (1), (2) or (3) is acceptable to the applicant, with the (1) being preferably requested.

Hopefully this explanation clarifies and does not further confuse the matter. Should there be any questions, please call the undersigned.

Should the Examiner feel it would be beneficial to discuss this case, please telephone the undersigned and, in any event, the undersigned will call the Examiner shortly after filing this Amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

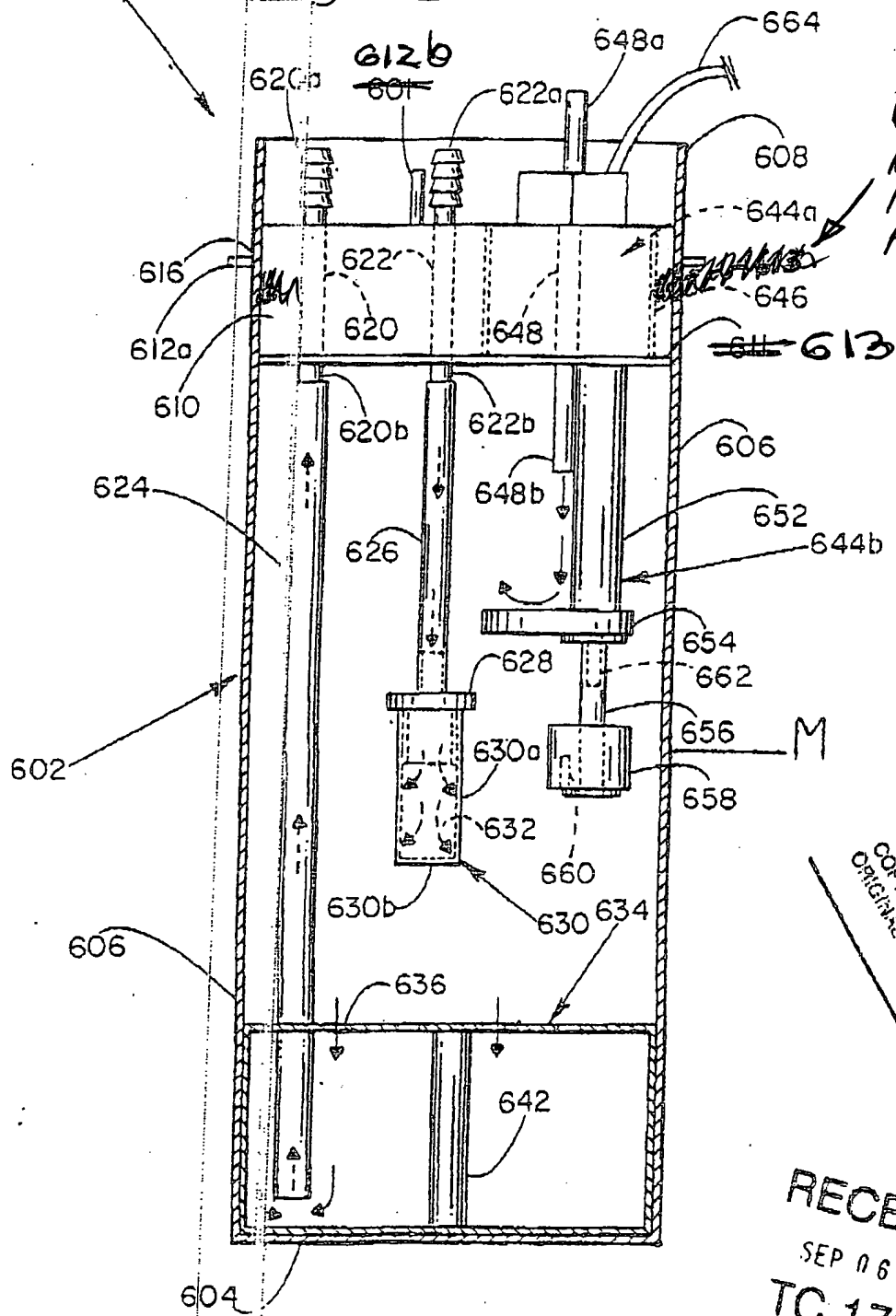
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ANNOTATION OF ALL CHANGES
TO FIG. 27

Fig.-27



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